

## AMATEUR WIRELESS MEN READY TO SERVE COUNTRY

Expert Declares Large Number of  
Operators Are Prepared.

Virtually every amateur wireless operator in the United States stands ready at a moment's notice to enter the army's radio service in Mexico.

F. R. Chambers of 2046 Arch street, Philadelphia, an expert on the subject of wireless telegraphy and a director of the Wireless Association of Pennsylvania, made this statement. Mr. Chambers has a radio station at his home.

"Secretary of War Baker recently sent us a circular letter asking us if we would, if the occasion demanded it, serve in the radio corps," Mr. Chambers said. "As you know, when we receive our licenses we virtually specify that in the event of a foreign invasion or at such time the government desires our services, we shall stand ready to assist."

Mr. Chambers said that the more expert of the wireless operators will have charge of a corps of operators. There will be many hundreds of amateur operators, he said, who are eligible to these posts.

"Amateurs do not necessarily mean inexperienced operators," Mr. Chambers continued. "As applied to wireless an amateur is a person who is in the work for the love of it—one who does not accept money for his services."

Sir Hiram Maxim, Mr. Chambers said, had done a great deal to give the amateur radio operators a chance. It was at his suggestion that the speed test held last Washington's birthday was made. In this test the entire country was covered by amateurs in something less than an hour and a half.

"In the event of a foreign invasion," Mr. Chambers said, "the whole country could be informed of the actions of hostile armies in an incredibly short space of time. The amateur wireless operators will be of invaluable service in the future."

Regarding Mexico, Mr. Chambers said that it was strange that General Funston cannot keep in closer touch with the movements of the punitive expedition. Either the ground is sandy or the field radio machines are inadequate. If the amateurs were called to the service, he said, there would be such an army of them that the messages would not fail to reach their destination.

## PAY UP; THIRST DOWN.

More You Earn Less You Drink,  
Health Folk Say.

Take it right from the unimpeachable authority of the New York health department's monthly bulletin, a sure way to vanquish the demon rum is to get the boss to raise your pay and cut off a few hours of work. This may sound paradoxical, but so may some of the other pithy points emphasized by the bulletin's dissertation on the subject, as, for instance, the following:

"The expenditure for beer shows a steady decline as wages increase."

"It has also been discovered that the man who works the longest hours per day spends the most time in the saloon."

"There is no doubt that the moving picture show is up to the present date the most successful rival of the saloon."

"Married men spend more time in the saloon than do single men. Twice as many married men go to the saloon as do single men."

## PRESIDENT WILSON.

Recent and Striking Photo-  
graph Taken at West Point.



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## ADAIR FOUGHT TO BITTER END

Mexican Describes How Dead  
Lieutenant Used Pistol.

## GALLANT AGAINST ALL ODDS

After Emptying Pistol He Threw It at  
Mexicans and Obtained Another  
From Dead Soldier at His Side—War  
Department Issued Orders For Dis-  
charge of Men With Dependents.

O. J. Wilson, an undertaker who helped to exhume the bodies of the American troopers killed at Carrizal and who arrived with them at El Paso, quoted a Carranza soldier as follows: "You should have seen the white tentacle (Lieutenant Henry Adair) fight. He was just a boy, slim and weak looking, but he fought us like a madman. He operated his automatic pistol until it seemed like a machine gun, and when its work was finished he threw it at us and seized another from a dead trooper and fought us harder than ever. He was wounded, but still his bullets rained among us until one of our shots tore into his chest and he dropped dead."

"The Mexican," continued Wilson, "pointed out the spot where Lieutenant Adair fell. Before it was strewn thickly the carcasses of Mexican horses, whose riders had been shot down by the officer. The soldier said, 'Lieutenant Adair, single handed, mowed down a cavalry charge of the Mexicans, fanning his automatic from side to side.'

"Shells were strewn everywhere about the place where Adair died. His fight must have been one of the most gallant ever made by an American officer against hopeless odds."

Without knowing his son had met death, Samuel Adair, father of Lieutenant Adair, died at Portland, Ore., after a lingering illness. His last words were: "Henry is now a captain. He has received his promotion." Lieutenant Adair was to have been made a captain on July 1. Father and son probably will be buried at the same time.

## How Discharge May Be Obtained.

Enlisted men of the national guard in federal service who have one or more relatives dependent on them for support may obtain their discharge upon application to their department commander.

Secretary of War Baker put this rule into effect as the result of letters to the war department pleading for the release of militiamen whose wives or other relatives were left in straitened circumstances.

The rule applies primarily to married men, but is so framed as to include unmarried men with aged parents, children or other relatives dependent on them. The number of men in the enlisted militia who can avail themselves of the order is estimated by the war department at less than 2,000.

Secretary Baker notified General Wood at Governors island and the other department commanders that the soldier must file a petition to be discharged and must furnish proof of the dependency.

But if department commanders learn of soldiers who ought to apply for the discharge, they must inform the soldiers of the right to apply for it, the order reads.

## LLOYD-GEORGE'S CAREER.

Has Been Efficient Member of British  
Cabinets For Eleven Years.

Lloyd-George, who was recently appointed secretary of state for war, has been a member of British cabinets for nearly eleven years and has been singularly efficient in various positions of the highest importance. When the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman organized a Liberal government Dec. 10, 1905, he appointed Lloyd-George president of the board of trade, which position the latter filled until Mr. Asquith, who succeeded to the premiership April 6, 1908, made Lloyd-George chancellor of the exchequer. When the coalition government was formed May 25, 1915, Lloyd-George was chosen minister of munitions, a post he has held with marked success until he has now been made minister of war to succeed the late Lord Kitchener.

## THAT WHICH LASTS.

"The only thing that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is character." That is true. What a man survives him. It never can be buried. It stays about the home when his footsteps are heard there no more. It lives in the community where he was known; hence we should take care to build into our character only good and beautiful things.

## KEEP THEM CLEAN TO SAVE CHILDREN

Epidemic of Infantile Paralysis  
Puzzles New York Doctors.

## MOVIES CLOSED TO YOUNG.

No One Under Sixteen Will Be Ad-  
mitted—Sunday Schools Discontin-  
ued—Symptoms Confusing, and Sci-  
entists Have Been Unable to Isolate  
the Germ or Find Cure.

Anterior Poliomyelitis.—An infective contagious disease, probably of microbic origin, in which the anterior horns of gray matter of the spinal cord are attacked, producing destruction of their cells and causing motor paralysis; more common in children and hence often called infantile paralysis.—Webster's Dictionary.

This definition of infantile paralysis, written several years ago for laymen, is practically all that the medical world knows today regarding the dread disease now epidemic in New York. In 1907 an epidemic of infantile paralysis swept through the city, causing thousands of deaths.

With the epidemic growing daily, \$41,000 has been set aside by the city for immediate expenditure in coping with the disease, and arrangements have been made that \$30,000 more will be available if needed.

"Great and imminent peril to the public health exists," asserts the board of health. The money will be spent to employ fifty additional hospital doctors, fifteen additional field doctors and at least 120 additional nurses.

Three thousand theaters and moving picture houses are now closed to children under sixteen years of age; military camps for boys in the vicinity of the Greater City are being placed under the strictest regulations; Sunday school picnics and excursions are being abandoned, Sunday schools discontinued for the summer in many parishes, and the hefters of children from the city progressed appreciably.

Every effort has been put forward to trace the germ that causes the ailment and thus find a cure, such as was accomplished in typhoid and diphtheria. During the 1907 epidemic a committee composed of the most eminent medical men in the United States made a systematic study of infantile paralysis with the purpose of accurately cataloging the symptoms of the disease and of identifying the germ that caused it. With the germ properly identified the task of finding a serum to kill it and thus produce a cure for infantile paralysis would not be a difficult one.

## Find Symptoms Confusing.

But the eminent medical men found themselves against a stone wall. The report which they had prepared on the 1907 epidemic shows that in some cases the symptoms were fever and chills; in others they were not; in some cases that the juvenile sufferer vomited and was delirious; in others that the sufferer showed entirely different symptoms.

The bacteriologists had no better success. Handed by Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller institute, they segregated the poliomyelitis germ, but were unable to identify it further than to find that it showed a similarity to the virus of human rabies. They injected germs of infantile paralysis into animals, and of those experimented upon monkeys were the only ones that contracted the disease. This was interesting, but not vitally instructive in so far as finding a cure for infantile paralysis was concerned.

The 1907 epidemic passed, the medical men drew up a long report, and infantile paralysis was practically forgotten until the present scourge began sweeping over New York. With the coming of the 1916 epidemic the medical profession found itself just where it was in 1907. It knew that a germ caused infantile paralysis, but it did not know how to deal with the germ except to eradicate it by the one method used in dealing with all deadly germs—absolute cleanliness.

Therefore cleanliness has been the slogan of the health department in the present epidemic. Dr. Charles F. Bolduan, head of the bureau of public health education of the health department, told how the fight against infantile paralysis is being waged.

"We have physicians, nurses and inspectors out seeking cases of the disease day and night," he said. "We also are conducting a campaign of publicity so that parents may know how to keep the deadly germ from their homes. The department of health has prepared a map on which a daily record of the disease is kept."

"Parents must not give way to fright or hysteria. If a child becomes sick a competent physician should be summoned at once. If a child is given plenty of fresh air and sunshine and kept amid clean surroundings there is no great danger of its contracting the disease."

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The Homeric Controversy.  
It was about the year 1795 that the "Homeric controversy" began. About that date F. A. Wolf, in his prolegomena, argued that the Homeric poems were composed of independent epic songs, collected and arranged by Pelistratus about 550 B. C. Wolf's theory created a great stir among scholars and poets and inaugurated the fight which enlisted most of the learned men of the day. Mr. Andrew Lang, in "Homer and the Epic," 1893, vigorously defended the "one author" theory, as opposed to the idea of Wolf that the famous poems were composed through ages by many different persons.—New York American.



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